

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Stow Town Building
380 Great Road, Stow, MA
Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2021

- Call to order at 1:07 PM

Bruce Morgan (Chair), Leonard Golder (Member) and Saji Lukose (Member) of Board of Assessors were present. Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) and Stuart Carter (Assistant Assessor) were also present. All participants participated via Zoom.

All votes were by roll call.

- A motion was made by Leonard Golder to accept the minutes from October 12, 2021 seconded by Saji Lukose.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- Stuart Carter presented the Board with a list of additional applicants for personal exemptions and the Board discussed two (2) CPA exemption requests which should be denied because the income was too high. The list of parcels to be approved was:

00R-30 000116	41C CPA
00R-29 075-2B	41C CPA
00R-31 000038	37a
000R-5 000030	22E
00R-10 000047	22E
000U-8 38-524	CPA
00R-20 000025	CPA
00R-10 65A-30	CPA
00R-15 061-90	CPA
00R-15 000068	CPA
00R-29 000103	22d

- Leonard Golder made a motion to accept these eleven (11) applications and deny two (2) CPA applications, seconded by Saji Lukose.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- The Board discussed the remaining two (2) Chapter Land 61A applications that were tabled at the Board's previous meeting. The list of parcels which now have complete applications were:

Map 000R-1 Parcel 0024-2
Map 000R-7 Parcel 000038
Map 000R-7 Parcel 0030-7

- Leonard Golder made a motion to accept these two (2) applications, seconded by Saji Lukose.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes

Approved:



Bruce Morgan, Chair



Leonard Golder, Member

Saji Johnson, Member

- Three (3) "Owner Unknown" parcels were discussed. These are:

Map 00R-14	Parcel 0002-A
Map 00R-24	Parcel 000004
Map 000U-4	Parcel 000089

Kristen Fox explained that the Assessors' Office had exercised its due diligence in attempting to locate the owners of these parcels and that currently the owners remain unknown. She requested that the Board assess these parcels as "Owner Unknown" for fiscal year 2022.

- Leonard Golder made a motion to assess these three (3) parcels as "owner unknown" for fiscal year 2022, seconded by Saji Lukose.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- The proposed boat excise tax was discussed. The Board expressed great concern that receipts from billing residents for this excise tax may not be cost effective owing to the time that the Assessors' Office staff may need to devote to billing residents, responding to residents' issues regarding the tax and processing abatements. The Board suggested that a notice be placed in the local "Stow Independent" newspaper and on the town website advising residents that this tax is about to be imposed. Kristen will follow up with the Division of Local Services Law Bureau as to whether a vote is needed.
- Kristen Fox updated the Board on the Classification hearing which is scheduled for November 9, 2021.
- Saji Lukose read and made a motion to accept the following:

"I move that the Board of Assessors' authorize Principal Assessor Kristen Fox to electronically enter our approval of all necessary forms included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interim Adjustment, Sales Report LA3, New Growth, and Tax Rate Recapitulation processes in the DLS Gateway on behalf of our Board."

Leonard Golder seconded the motion.

 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- Stuart Carter requested that the Board approve him to sign motor vehicle abatement certificates on behalf of the Board. Leonard Golder made a motion to allow Stuart Carter to sign abatement certificates on behalf of the Board, seconded by Saji Lukose.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Saji Lukose yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes

At 2:08 PM Leonard Golder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Saji Lukose.

- Leonard Golder yes
- Saji Lukose yes
- Bruce Morgan yes


Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted, Stuart Carter, MAA, Assistant Assessor

Approved:



Bruce Morgan, Chair



Leonard Golder, Member

Saji Johnson, Member